

## Nonfarm Animal Caretakers (39-2021)

**Occupation description:** Feed, water, groom, bathe, exercise, or otherwise care for pets and other nonfarm animals, such as dogs, cats, ornamental fish or birds, zoo animals, and mice. Work in settings such as kennels, animal shelters, zoos, circuses, and aquariums. May keep records of feedings, treatments, and animals received or discharged. May clean, disinfect, and repair cages, pens, or fish tanks. Excludes "Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers" (31-9096).

### Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	209	239	14.4	3	6	9
United States	189,100	241,500	27.8	5,250	4,190	9,440

#### Job outlook

**Alaska:** Alaska's employment growth is moderate with moderate employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

### 2013 Wages ?

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	10.82	n/a	7.97	9.57	15.70
Alaska	9.68	10.59	11.50	8.27	9.92	14.05
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area (MSA)	9.20	10.33	11.46	8.26	9.75	13.62
Fairbanks North Star Borough (MSA)	9.64	10.59	11.54	8.18	9.32	14.28
Southeast Region	10.71	12.58	14.45	8.58	12.53	17.86

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
364	97	26.6	8.5	4.6

#### 2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	119
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	4
UI claimants previously working in occupation	34

#### 2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	327
Number of job position postings	39

Ratio of registrants to job position postings
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## Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

**Education:** Less than high school

**Work experience:** None

**On-the-job training:** Short-term on-the-job training

## Training Resources

	Degree
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### Vocational Training and Resource Center

Pet Grooming
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